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Proposed Change in Atlantic and French Broad Valley Railroad.

It is rumored, and to a certain extent authenticated, that a proposition will soon be made to alter the present route of the Atlantic and French Broad Valley Railroad below Abbeville, C. H. Certain wealthy gentlemen living below Abbeville, have agreed to grade an equal number of miles on the new route to those already finished on the located line. The new line will run by Fort Pickens, thence by the most direct route to Chiles' Cross Roads, crossing the Augusta and Knoxville at that point, thence striking the old line near Winter Seat in Edgefield County. It is known that by this route the distance between Abbeville, C. H. and Edgefield C. H., will be shortened about four miles.

Hugh P. Kane a Perjuror.

In the argument of the political cases in the United States Court last week, Major Barker, counsel for the defense, called attention to the fact, that the information given against some of the parties was, sworn to by Hugh P. Kane, who the day before on the stand, had sworn that he was not a naturalized citizen of the United States, yet, he took the oath as supervisor of election, in which he swore that he was a citizen of the United States, thereby committing perjury, and rendering his testimony entirely unworthy of belief. He should be promptly indicted and sent to the Penitentiary, where he could not indulge in the pastime of shooting inoffensive mountaineers.

The floral exhibition, under the auspices of the Agricultural Society of South Carolina, will come off on April 18, 19, 20, 21-1882, in Charleston. The occasion will afford much pleasure to all who may attend it, and as the fare on the Railroads leading to Charleston are reduced considerably for the occasion we would advise all of our friends, who can, to attend the exhibition.

Four Deaths in One Family.

The family of Butler Cunningham, a colored tenant on the farm belonging to Mr. J. V. Jones, near Enterprise, have been great sufferers within the last week. About ten days ago nearly every member of the family was taken sick with typhoid fever. Two of the children died Friday and their mother died Sunday. The fever was of such a malignant type that medical skill was totally inefficient. This fearful mortality may be attributed to a pile of decaying cotton seed, and a filthy pig pen. They were very poor people and in consequence had been during the fall and winter unable to provide either an abundance of the best food or the most comfortable clothing—with systems insufficiently nourished, and improperly protected from the weather, they were physically not in a good condition to resist the attack of the fever which resulted as a natural consequence of the plain violation of the hygiene. So violent was the poison emitted from the seed and the pen in which a hog had been fattened last fall, that the fowls about the yard sickened and died as soon as the warm sunshine filled the air with the poisonous germs, which had lain dormant during the cold weather.

Mr. Jones is doing everything possible for the afflicted people. Besides securing medical attention he has ordered the causes of disease to be abated by a heavy covering of earth thrown over them. To remove them at present would be almost certain death to whoever undertook the job.

Last year it was our painful duty to publish the same affliction of a white family of this county in which there were several deaths, from typhoid fever, produced by a pig pen. These facts are warnings which should be heeded by our people. When we violate the laws of health by keeping well known causes of disease near our dwellings, we may expect to suffer the consequences, as well as the blame. We commit an actual sin in exposing ourselves and our families to the dangers of typhoid fever, which dangerous disease never visits a family without being invited. Cellars with their impure air have been the cause of much typhoid fever and diphtheria. Let all the cellars be thoroughly cleaned. Death may rest in a few rotten potatoes.—Abbeville Press and Banner.

A young man by the name of Roundtree a student at the State University at Athens Ga., was brutally murdered in that place, by a negro last week. The negro was arrested and lodged in jail to await trial.

Richard Bates, col., one of the Greenville incendiaries, sentenced to be hung on the 28th inst., and Ann Good, col., sentenced to two years hard labor in the Penitentiary for grand larceny, were married in the Greenville jail on the 5th inst. The honeymoon of the pair only lasted about 12 hours, when Ann was taken off to the Penitentiary to serve her sentence. They were married after their sentences were passed.

Cincinnati is the most drunken city on this continent, from all accounts. Men, women and children share in the debauchery. The Gazette estimates that the equivalent of one hundred thousand men are drunk on one to three days per week on account of Sunday drunkenness.

The Trial of Amos Ladd's Murderers. The trial of Hugh P. Kane and others for the murder of Amos Ladd came off in Charleston last week, and as we predicted in our last issue, the whole affair was a mere farce. The members of the jury were all Republicans the whole machinery of the Court was used in the interest of the prisoners, and, of course, they were promptly acquitted. As the case is of much interest to the citizens of this County, we make the following condensed report of the testimony from the News and Courier:

"he first witness called by the State of South Carolina was

ADOLPH R. REDMOND, the wife of the noted moonshiner Redmond and the sister of the murdered man. She is a plain country woman of about thirty and by no means the type of female that one would have expected so romantic and so handsome a fellow as Redmond is represented to be would have selected for a bride. She showed herself to be quick and intelligent, however, and delivered her testimony with telling clearness. At the time of the killing of her brother she was staying with her mother and her brother Amos, a young man of 21, in a little log house in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains, at a place known as Rocky Bottom, in the North Carolina line. On Sunday morning, the 9th of June, 1878, four men with guns in their hands came up to the house. At this time Salathiel Ladd, an elder brother, Amos Ladd, her youngest brother, and her old mother were in the house. Amos had just come in from a neighbor's and had a gun which he had borrowed in his hand. When he entered the house he leaned the gun up in the corner and was making preparations to go to Mr. Powell's shop to get a cow bell repaired. He had a satchel hanging on his neck and had put the belt into the satchel. He then stepped to the south door and leaned out to get a piece of brass which was fastened in the crack of the house. Just at this time one of the men (Kane) came to the north door of the house, which was immediately opposite the south door. Upon seeing Amos standing in the door with his back to him the revenue officer raised his gun to shoot him with out a word of warning and without making any demand upon him to surrender. Seeing the gun pointed at her brother, she called out, "Don't shoot! he is my brother, and my mother called out, 'don't shoot! he is my son.'" The officer, however, paid no attention to their cries, but fired, the ball striking Amos in the left arm near the back of the elbow and passing out near the wrist. Amos was standing at this time in the door with his back to the officer, and he had no weapons at all in his hand. He was not even aware of the officer's approach until she cried out. As soon as he was shot, Amos stepped out of the door and was fired upon by the men outside, two shots being fired. He took effect in his side, passing through his heart, and the other passed through the belt in his satchel and cut the band of his pants. He fell forward to the ground and expired almost immediately. The witness rushed out and took her dying brother's hand in her lap and seeing that he was mortally hurt called upon the officers to assist her in removing him into the house. They refused, however, to lend any assistance, and after saying that they could not help it walked off and were not seen again. She then, with the assistance of her brother, Salathiel, took the body into the house and laid it on the bed.

Although subjected to a severe cross-examination by Col. Earle the witness adhered strictly to her first statement, that at the time he was shot her brother had his back turned to the officer who shot him, and was entirely unarmed. That the officer shot without a word of warning, made no demand upon him to surrender and exhibited no warrant for his arrest at any time.

Salathiel Ladd and Mrs. Milly Ladd, brother and mother of Amos Ladd corroborated the testimony of Mrs. Redmond.

THE DEFENSE.

opened with the examination of Internal Revenue Collector T. M. Bryanton. Mr. Bryanton testified that owing to frequent acts of lawlessness in the Rocky Bottom section, which were supposed to have been committed by Redmond and Amos Ladd and others of his band, the revenue force had been increased. He had selected the four defendants to go up into that section of country to look after the situation, and if necessary to call to their assistance a party of men organized by the North Carolina Collector to act in conjunction with them. They started off with a week's rations, and of the circumstances of the killing of Ladd he knew nothing except what he had heard.

W. F. GARY,

for the defense, next testified that he was a deputy marshal and knew Amos Ladd personally. Saw him first in Pickens County with Redmond, both of whom he arrested in December, 1876, while they were engaged in the illicit whiskey traffic. Soon after the arrest Redmond made his escape. Later on the day of Redmond's escape, he (Redmond) fired upon the revenue officers, wounding them, and Ladd managed to get away from his guards, and on the following day he (Gary) was fired upon by Redmond and Ladd, who were concealed in the woods near the road.

Capt. E. V. Hoffman swore to the issuance of several warrants for Redmond and his "gang," amongst whom was Amos Ladd. He knew of deputy (Fishery) having been shot at previously in that locality, ("Rocky Bottom") and his own party was fired upon frequently.

Col. J. E. Hood testified to the killing of three revenue officers in this County.

WILLIAM DURHAM,

testified that he was one of the party of revenue raiders who went down to Rocky Bottom in the morning of the 8th of June, 1878. The purpose of the raid was to discover the whereabouts of Redmond and his band. While stationed on the watch near the Ladd house he heard a whistle and saw a woman come from the house and go out to meet a man who was coming down the mountain side. The whistle was given by the witness then detailed the order of the movement around the house. When he entered the garden around the house he heard a gun fire in the house, and soon after he saw Ladd rushing out of the house towards him with a gun. He challenged him and told him not to shoot in rapid succession the man fell. Ladd had his gun raised in both hands, and he was obliged to fire in self defence. The firing and the appearance of Ladd from the door were simultaneous. In reply to a question by counsel, witness testified that he had been frequently in the Rocky Bottom section for the purpose of breaking up illicit distilleries, and was at Fisher's side when he was shot down by the moonshiners, and in that encounter had a hairbreadth escape, the shot from the blockaders guns having cut the hair from his head. This occurred about two months before Amos Ladd's murder.

The witness being cross-examined deposed that he was walking up to the house at the time of the first report of a gun, and first saw Amos Ladd about two or three steps from the door, with his gun raised. A carbine and pistol were taken away from his shot took effect, and never saw Ladd standing up in the door. When witness fired Ladd was seven or eight feet from the house. The killing was done without any aid from the officers having a warrant for a felony. The officers left immediately after the killing. (The witness was here interrupted by counsel as to contradictory statements made by him in an affidavit on the 12th of June 1878, in reference to the time Ladd

died, and said he could not remember the facts of that original affidavit.) Witness testified that he had been in the house at the greatest excitement, firing off his pistol and carbine simultaneously. He had been at one time a moonshiner himself.

HUGH P. KANE,

one of the defendants, was the next witness examined. On the direct examination he testified that he had been in the employment of the revenue service in that section most of the year last past as deputy. He had been at the fall of 1877. Some time previous to the killing of Ladd he was ordered to proceed to the mountains in search of Redmond. Durham had been shot at and Fisher, a deputy marshal, had been killed at a locality about two months before the Amos Ladd affair. In securing the order to arrest these moonshiners he, with a party of officers, went to Mrs. Ladd's house, to which Redmond was known to make frequent visits. The party arrived there on Saturday morning, the 8th of June, about 10 o'clock and took a position of observation on a hill near the house, waiting for some time they heard a whistle, and a woman (Mrs. Redmond) came to the door and waved her hand. A man then came down from the opposite hill and was met by the woman who held a child in her arms. After about fifteen minutes conversation they separated. The man then returned to the house for the night to a neighboring hill and next morning, at daylight, resumed the watch. About nine o'clock a man (Salathiel Ladd, the brother of Amos Ladd) was seen to enter the house. Soon after another man (supposed by the officers to be Redmond) came to the house, and after consultation, the officers then divided, two coming up on the north and two on the south side of the house. He, (Kane) and Durham, (one of the prisoners) came up on the south side on which was one of the doors of the house, carrying their guns under their arms. Amos Ladd stepped immediately to the north door, gun in hand, and was called upon by Kane "to surrender." Ladd raised his gun and attempted to shoot, but the gun missed fire, then Kane fired witness then followed the steps to the ground. The witness then stated further that after shooting Ladd he went through the house to the opposite door and saw him supported in the arms of Mrs. Redmond; the mother of Ladd of distressing and wailing cries of distress. Nothing was done by any of the revenue party to assist the sister of the mother of Ladd to convey the corpse into the house. The officers then left hurriedly for Pickens Court house to surrender themselves to the State authorities, but after consulting the officers determined that "Pickens was not a safe place to take the jail at that place having been recently broken down by Redmond and his band, and they finally went to Greenville and surrendered themselves to the sheriff of that county. Kane stated that he picked up Ladd's gun on the ground near his house. He did not place having been recently broken down by Redmond and his band, and they finally went to Greenville and surrendered themselves to the sheriff of that county. Kane stated that he picked up Ladd's gun on the ground near his house. He did not place having been recently broken down by Redmond and his band, and they finally went to Greenville and surrendered themselves to the sheriff of that county.

In the cross-examination by Mr. Orr the witness testified that he was born in Ireland and came to America in 1867, and has never been naturalized as a citizen of the United States. He came to South Carolina in 1867 as a body servant of ex-Governor Franklin J. Moses. He did not know who Ladd was at the time of the shooting, but knew afterwards that it was not Redmond. In the management of raids and investigations he was always considered as the leader of his party, but it was customary to hold a general consultation before making any special movements. He did not know who Ladd was at the time of the shooting, but knew afterwards that it was not Redmond. In the management of raids and investigations he was always considered as the leader of his party, but it was customary to hold a general consultation before making any special movements. He did not know who Ladd was at the time of the shooting, but knew afterwards that it was not Redmond. 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